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Sir:

In compliance with the duty to disclose information material to patentability pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a). The listed documents were cited by the Office in co-pending application Serial No. 09/731,319, filed on December 6, 2000, and directed to a related invention.

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U.S. Patent Documents

U.S. Patent No.	Publication Date	<u>Patentee</u>
US - 4.132.818	01/1979	Chappelow et al.
US - 4,986,877	01/1991	Tachi et al.

Applicants offer to supply any explanation or discussion of the documents which the Examiner feels is necessary or desirable and which is requested.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

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